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'Cowsill Report' Due Next Week

By NANCY KELLETT and LISA KINGSLEY

A three-man committee has been appointed by LACCD Chancellor Dr. Leslie Koltai to review a report dealing with charges made by former Valley ASB President Richard Cowsill that he received grades despite infrequent attendance.

The report, prepared by special investigator Ray Johnson, was delivered to Koltai on Dec. 1.

Yesterday, before a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees, Koltai refrained from discussing any specifics in the matter. However, Trustee Dr. Ralph Richardson stated that the committee has been formed to review the report, consisting of Johnson and Vice-Chancellors William Spaeter and John McCuen.

According to Richardson, "the committee is responsible for a detailed review of the report, faculty, and/or administrators' actions or lack thereof, evidence of irregularities, and recommendations to the chancellor regarding necessary action to be taken." They are slated to present their findings to the chancellor by Dec. 18

Cowsill appeared before the Board to urge "that a thorough investigation be completed. Otherwise," he said, "I'm quite ready to go to the limit to prove their charges."

Cowsill thus reversed himself, contradicting a statement made to Star at the time he brought the matter before the Board in September.

At that time he contended that it was the administration's job to prove the charges.

ASB Elections Opening Soon

By BRIAN DEAGON
Staff Writer

Offices for the Executive Council of the Associated Student Body are open for election for the Spring '81 semester and applications are now being accepted, said ASB vice-president, Marsha Tauber.

Commissioners on the Executive Council play a key role in the organization and implementation of most campus events, student services, and programs, Tauer said.

"We hope that people who apply want more than just the title. Applicants should have an interest in student government and a desire to help improve life on campus. The ASB commissioners represent the students.

Tauber served as commissioner of public relations and was recently elected to her present title of vice-president.

Says Tauber of her own experience in ASB, "I value the experience I get here. It's given me confidence and is good on-the-job-training."

Interested students need a 2.0 average with at least nine units from the previous semester. First-semester students can also apply but must hold a 2.0 during the semester.

Students can receive an election petition in CC 100. The deadline for filing petitions is Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

The following positions are available for Spring '81 semester: Chief Justice, and commissioner of public relations; scholastic activities; social activities; Black ethnic studies; Chicano ethnic studies; Jewish ethnic studies; elections; intramural sports and athletics; special limitations; Evening Division; and campus improvement.

Instructional Media Services Suffer From Prop. 13 Slash

By PATTY MAZZONE
Editor-in-Chief

Movie projectors and video cassette players and recorders at Valley College are not in top operating condition, David May, Associate Professor of Library Science and instructor on special assignment to supervising Instructional Media Services (IMS), recently admitted.

"The problems are directly related to the age of the equipment," he said of machinery that is 6 to 15 years old. "We're holding it together with chewing gum and bailing wire," he joked.

There is a need for replacement—none has been made in years, but there is also a need for money to make the purchases, he explained.

"The replacement and repair budget is non-existent. No money has been there since Prop. 13," said May, who started running IMS in July. "I would like new equipment. We don't have enough video equipment to meet the demands of the instructors."

IMS is caught in the middle, he stated. Today more material is bought in video-form but Valley has only 12 video cassette players and records to meet the need.

In the past, 16mm motion pictures were the main type of audio-visual equipment purchased, explained May.

"The ratio of motion picture projectors to films is greater than video-cassette recorders to tapes," he said. "It's an unending cycle of cause and effect."

May admitted that a few weeks ago five of the 12 video machines were broken.

"It's very delicate equipment. After thousands of hours of use, and abuse as well, it has become temperamental," explained May. "They weren't designed to be bounced around campus."

Student workers have 10 minutes each hour to deliver equipment to the classrooms, stated May, but sometimes it takes a little longer and a teacher becomes upset with the interruption to his or her class. Although IMS personnel give the new students as much training on the equipment as possible, the workers may get nervous and fumble, he added.

Meeting the demands of Evening Division classes is even harder.

"It would be ideal if each classroom had a TV connected to IMS and we could send the program over cable," suggested May, but he realizes this would be impractical.

Last year, before May took over the office, bills were run up on equipment, film, and tapes. The clerical person who was in charge of billing and the budgets underwent surgery and was out for a few months, he explained. Others were not familiar with billing procedures and overspent. The overdue bills are coming out of this year's budget, he added.

"To some degree there is always an overlap (of paying bills from the following year's budget) due to late purchases and bills that aren't received until the following year," said May. "My main priority this year is to pay the bills."

IMS has three budgets—a materials budget ($21,000 for this fiscal year), a current $24,300 supplies budget, and the non-existent repairs and replacement budget, he stated. Monies can be used only for its designated purposes, and may not

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Star Photo by MARTHA HUTCHINS

HEAVEN HELP US — David May looks to his last resort for help. The audio-visual equipment he is in charge of is in desperate need of repair. Like most of us, May hopes that next year will be better.

JOIN THE FUN!

Black Awareness Celebration Continues With Band, Lecture

By LUCREZIA C. BISCARDI
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In continuation of Black Awareness Week, Karavan, a jazz band featuring Philip Church Jr., will be present in the Free Speech Area today at 11 a.m.

Featured tomorrow in Monarch Hall will be Tozamile Botha from Africa who will speak at 11 a.m.

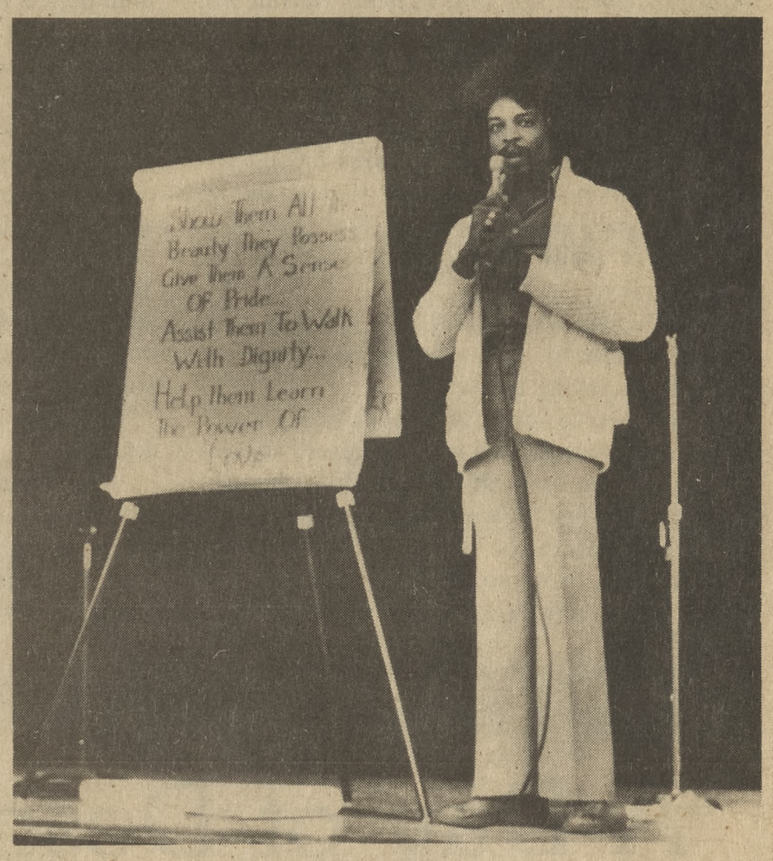
"All people of all races should open their minds and view how cultures contribute to our society. A lot of people tend to stick to their culture, rather than participate in other ways of enjoying life," says Swafford.

"Black students must be aware of what they can achieve in life. They must not be shy, that is why many activities are planned to bring students closer together," said Swafford.

"Valley students are enthusiastic about the event. Blacks are a contributing factor to the community," said Edna Goodman, a returning student.

"It is a great idea, I am all for it," said Kevin Chatman, electronics major at Valley.

However, one student, Mike Mike, felt that "There should be more community involvement! Different representatives should have been invited from all of the community colleges. More students should have been participating so that Black Awareness could reach a vast majority of people. In return that specified goal . . . awareness . . . will be reached."



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BE AWARE — One of the speakers for Black Awareness Week was Bennie Crayton, who spoke to a gathering in Monarch Hall Tuesday.

Schedule Late; Company's Fault

By BRIAN DEAGON
Staff Writer

The Valley College schedule for day and evening classes for the Spring '81 semester will not be available for distribution to students until the day registration begins, Dec. 15, according to Assistant Dean of Instruction Hugh Moore.

The class schedule was slated for distribution around Dec. 1, but unexpected delays from the composing company resulted in the late release, Moore said.

To help alleviate the inconvenience to students who register early, advance copies of the schedule have been posted throughout various areas on campus.

Moore said the reason the schedule is not published weeks in advance of registration is due to the excessive amount of changes which occur before, during and even after the schedule is finalized and ready for printing.

"If you plan the schedule too far in advance, it doesn't tell the truth," Moore said.

Moore noted that various departments at Valley may alter their teaching schedules late in the planning stages, for instance, due to a policy change, unexpected illness, or emergency withdrawals of teachers. Death and compulsory retirement are two other possible factors, Moore said.

With 600 teachers on campus Moore noted that the class schedule is an extremely complex operation. "Many setbacks can occur that we have no control over," he said.

A few students on campus have expressed dissatisfaction over the situation.

"There are 25,000 students at Valley. Why should we have to put up with this?" said Stan Sharp, who is scheduled to enroll on the 17th.

According to theater arts student Jim Berryhill, "It's a tremendous inconvenience for me. If I had a schedule to take home and work out, it would be OK. This way, I have to make a few trips to campus to set my schedule."

Rivalry Open For UCLA Transferees

LAVC transfer students entering UCLA in Fall '81 have been selected by UCLA's Alumni Association along with those from six other area colleges to compete for six student scholarships of $1,000 each.

The competing transfer students must have a minimum 3.5 community college GPA, a record of school and community involvement, and be a California resident.

This pilot scholarship program is based on merit and not on financial aid eligibility. All applications must be submitted directly to UCLA Alumni Association and be postmarked by March 15, 1981.

The other six colleges included in the selection were chosen because they contributed the largest number of transfer sutdents to UCLA over the last few years.

The application screening committee will consist of Alumni Association State Scholarship Committee volunteers, local district committee members, support group representatives, and faculty members.

For further information contact Gaston Green, coordinator of financial aids at Valley or the UCLA Alumni Scholarship Offices at the James West Center, 405 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024, or call Barbara Kahn at (213) 825-3901.

Problems Surround VC '81-'82 Budget

By DAVID SCHAMUS
Staff Writer

Controversy, changing enrollment trends, the effects of soaring inflation, and Proposition 13 are problems surrounding the drafting of LAVC's 1981-82 budget. The 1981-82 preliminary budget represents a 5 percent decrease from the 1980-81 final budget.

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), according to Tom Fallo, district controller, is receiving a 7.8 percent increase in funds from the state to cover inflation, but is withholding these increases from the budgets of the individual colleges.

Many educators question the district's practice of withholding funds from the colleges' preliminary budget, charging that by the time the colleges receive these additional funds it is difficult to use the money efficiently and effectively.

Prof. Pat Blakeslee, president of the faculty association, noted that in the past the final budget has always equaled or exceeded the previous year's budget. Blakeslee said, however, that "We do not know what we will get in the future."

Responding to Blakeslee at a recent budget meeting, Fallo, explained that the 7.8 percent inflation

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NewsNotes

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE

Monday, Dec. 15, is the deadline for campus-based financial aid applications, covering the Fall '80 semester. Aid programs include CWS (College Work Study), NDSL (National Direct Student Loan), SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant), and EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services).

SPRING '81 ELECTIONS

Students planning to run for ASB office for next semester must file election petitions by Wednesday, Dec. 17. Voting will take place Jan. 12, 13, and 14.

CAL GRANTS

Applications for Cal Grants are now available in the Financial Aids Office. Students from low and middle-income families may be eligible for tuition assistance and living allowances. Do not mail applications before Jan. 1. Submission period is between Jan. 2 and Feb. 12, 1981.

ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST

Students who plan to take an English course at Valley College must first take an English Placement Test. Appointments are made by calling Ext. 253. Testing dates are Tuesdays, Dec. 16, Jan. 6, 13, and 20; and Wednesdays, Dec. 10, and 17, and Jan. 7, 14, and 21.

UNITED WAY DRIVE

The United Way Drive collected $41.24 from the attendants of the Homecoming Game on Nov. 29. The total collected at VC to date is $12,300.

KOVACS-BYERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Kovacs-Byers Scholarship, $200, is available to geology majors. Applicants must be transfering to a four-year college to complete a Geology or Geosciences major, and have completed 12 units in the department with three units of physics, and three units of chemistry. Submit two letters of recommendation from members of the Earth Science Department. May 10 is deadline for filing. For details contact Joan Clemons, chairperson for the department, at Ext. 238 in B 4.

ASB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications are now being accepted for ASB Fall '80 scholarships at Valley. Scholarships amounting to $150, $100, and $50 will be given to selected applicants from a fund of $2,500. An evaluation committee, made up of staff and administration members at LAVC, will review applicants. The deadline for submission is Dec. 18, and application forms can be received in CC100. Requirements are: ASB paid membership; a B average on the current semester; and nine units of current load. Credit will be given for extra-curricular activities on and off campus to include on/off campus paid working hours. Financial needs will also be taken into account.

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets to win four free dinners will be sold until noon today by Tau Alpha Epsilon, Valley Honor Society, to build a scholarship fund.

Tickets can be purchased for $1 in CC 210 from 11 a.m. until raffle drawing time at noon. The scholarship will go to a Valley student.

Mor Food 'N Fun Inc. will give away the free dinners at one of their three restaurants: Adam's Rib in Encino, The Rib Joint in Beverly Hills, and Gladstone's 4 Fish in Malibu.

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Opinion

STAR EDITORIALS

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns on this page are the opinions of individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star. Staff cartoons do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the artist.

A Day in the Life

On Monday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 p.m. EST, John Winston Lennon was shot to death outside his New York apartment by a 25-year-old man police described as a "local screwball."

Not enough can be said about the tremendous talent Lennon gave to the world. He was an innovator and the leading force behind the Beatles, who revolutionized the rock sound of the '60's.

If you're really dead John Lennon, this is your goodbye.

But how can we be sure? And if this is your idea of a joke, it isn't a funny one. Feigning death is no joking matter.

But no, you're dead. And we suppose you got what you deserved. You were a slippery son-of-a-bitch who never fit in anyway. You changed too much too fast, you outraged too many, and you told the truth too often.

Why then are we so angry?

You were, after all, only a musician. And we've long since grown used to the fact that random bullets fired by random crazies can change history. You weren't a president, you weren't a statesman, just a musician. You didn't lead nations, only a generation. You changed our attitudes, our styles, our lives. You were a decade in the lives of millions.

We're angry because you died. Heroes aren't supposed to bleed, and you let us down because you weren't bulletproof. It's our fault, though. We should have known better than to put our faith in a 40-year-old rock and roller who couldn't escape his own shadow. We thought somehow you were different.

But you weren't, and you got your just desserts.

Yes, Lennon, you preached contentment, love, enlightenment, and peace too loudly. The world just isn't ready for working class heroes. And now they've crucified you, just like you knew they would.

YOKO ONO AND JOHN LENNON

PERSPECTIVE

A Day of Desperation

By NANCY KELLETT
News Editor

She affected my emotions the moment I saw her. With the aid of a four-pronged crutch, an elderly woman approached my car as I waited to exit a parking lot. Anticipating her querry, I rolled my window down.

"Could you give me a ride to the gas company?" she asked, quickly explaining that "I have to pay my bill at 5 p.m. (it was 4:30) or else they'll turn my gas off."

So, of course, I gave her a ride. On the way, she related her incredible story to me.

Anna had been walking because she owns no car, just a truck left by her late husband five years ago. Unfortunately, she can not drive it because of the leg injury she received in a car accident. She said she spent over a year in the hospital and still owes money on her bill.

Social Security is her only income.

"I walked down to cash my check when I got it on the first of the month," Anna began. "On the way home from the bank, some young boy grabbed my purse and took all of my money. I finally found somebody who would loan me $20 so I could put part of the money down on my gas bill."

Shock swept through me. I don't know why, I've heard these things happen all the time.

Sensing my astonishment, she began to describe more social injustices.

"I was at the store picking up some milk. While my husband waited outside for me, a man approached him begging for money to get something to eat.

"My husband had no money, and I had no change. We told him that we had about $2 worth of soda pop bottles if he wanted to come to our house to get them," Anna explained.

The man accepted their invitation, but when they gave him the pop bottles he broke one in two, and crashed it against the old man's nose, breaking it. Before he could fight back, his assailant flung him against the fence, cracking his spine. He lived "five months and 17 days after that."

After a thoughtful silence, Anna murmured, "Such craziness. It seems so senseless. Just a few weeks ago on Halloween some kids were having a party next door. Pretty soon they were on my property trying to break into my house and the truck. I've never been so scared in my life!"

"Didn't you call the police?" I asked.

"I don't have a phone. They disconnected it when I refused to pay a bill that listed long-distance calls that I never made," she explained.

When we arrived at the gas company, I went in with her.

The clerk told her that $20 down on a $54 bill would not be enough to permit the balance to be added to her next month's bill. She would need $45 down.

Fortunately, I had enough money to take care of her predicament — until the next month at least.

Driving home, an unsettling question plagued my mind. Why doesn't Social Security pay enough so that recipients can put away money for emergencies?

The average Social Security income for widows and widowers was slightly under $250 per month two years ago, according to the 100th edition of Statistical Abstract of the United States.

Social Security tax income set aside in the old age and survivors insurance trust fund is expected to be exhausted by late next year or early 1982, according to the Aug. 25 issue of Fortune Magazine, which claims borrowed money from the disability and hospital funds may get them through 1984.

Further complications with our current system are predicted when the "baby boom generation" begins retiring 30 years from now.

Despite the hint of economic disaster in this area, the government spent approximately $5.9 billion this year for economic assistance to foreign countries and $824 million in foreign military assistance, according to this year's estimate of the Readers Digest Almanac and Yearbook. The federal government has also spent billions taking care of refugees.

America should take care of her children's problems before she concerns herself with the problems of the rest of the world.

VIEWPOINT

Time Bomb Ticks On

By LUCREZIA C. BISCARDI
Staff Writer

Second of a two-part series.

After a delicious lunch, most of us will go about our daily routine with the knowledge that a hearty dinner will be awaiting us. Unfortunately, the full stomach that promotes this feeling of well-being is not shared by the more than a billion men, women, and children around the world who will fall fitfully to sleep, having had little more than some scrubby greens and perhaps a few gulps of a dishwatery liquid passing for milk, if that much . . .. And tomorrow, if they are really lucky . . . there will be more of the same.

The fact is, half the world is hungry, and worse is to come.

The population of the United States increased by 1 percent over the past year to 223,239,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The bureau reports that between August 1979, and August 1980 the population increased by 2.3 million people. How many is too many? And how many is right?

Think of it: 90,000 babies are born each day. Unfortunately, as public health measures become more and more effective, more and more babies will survive to maturity, to give birth to still more babies, adding additional millions to the already burgeoning population.

It may be more to the point to note that right now someone dies of starvation every 8.6 seconds. That's something to think about! Every 60 seconds seven people die in the underdeveloped countries of the world and in the United States, too, as a result of illness provoked by malnutrition. That's 420 deaths each hour, 10,000 every day. Most of these are children. Some experts believe this condition will get worse. Why not?

The contraceptive pill is one of the safest and most effective drugs ever marketed. It fails only one percent of the time. But in a population the size of the United States, that one percent failure can result in 250,000 unwanted human beings. Or take automobile accidents. We are glad to learn that the odds against getting killed while driving into town are better than they used to be, but there is so much more driving that cars kill more human beings nearly every year. In 1969 and 1970, cars killed more Americans than the war in Vietnam. Car makers are under pressure to add more and better safety devices.

The most disturbing thing about a world of large numbers is that it blows up problems that don't exist or can be ignored when the numbers are smaller. Mistakes hurt more people. Accidents are not only more damaging, but more apt to happen. Expectations of improvement in the standard of life rise faster, but so many are involved that they are harder to satisfy.

There is nothing abstract about doom by "population bomb." There are faces, faces, everywhere . . .

Everyone can imagine the horror. Life magazine pictured it by printing a photograph of rows of bassinets in a big maternity ward next to a photograph of thickly set tombstones in one of the Long Island cemeteries.

A thought that tenses, yes tenses, the shoulder muscles is the calculation that shoppers will have to wait four or five times longer for a department store elevator in the year 2000. There will be no escape from this packed planet.

After a morning of shopping, lunch will be at a counter with two or three hungry people watching for your seat over your shoulder. Traffic in restrooms will be so heavy that they will have to take the doors off toilet stalls or line toilets up against the wall. Yes, this will be life . . . yes, life.

If you want a moment to yourself you will have to rent a special room for a half hour of solitude. The search for solitude suggests that it's not the mere jamming together of people that causes problems, but the relationships that this density sets up — the encounters between people.

Man is indeed a self limiting species, limited not by predators or fire, flood, and war, but by the failure of his unique human ability to analyze a problem . . . and organize to solve it.

Like it or not, we are going to have to live with more people, things, dollars, and words than our institutions are prepared to handle. Up till now, we have been doing it by a series of magnificent makeshifts — with a little bit of luck, and by the skin of our teeth, the way the human race has been doing now for the past million years.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

President Peeved

In response to your paper's article of December 4, 1980 regarding my constitutional authority as Associated Student Body President, I feel the assumptions made were both uncalled for and unjust. I was not out of order, for I was exercising my Presidential powers bestowed upon me by the Associated Student Body Constitution and the students who elected me into this office.

In reference to our Chief Justice Roger Smith: Since he is new to student government, he evidently cannot see the intervening powers that are being exercised by our advisor Ray Follosco. It is obvious that Follosco, being advisor to the Supreme Court, had a strong influence upon the decision made. Although it is not apparent to many, Roger Smith and all of the Associate Justices are but puppets dangling from the strings manipulated by Mr. Follosco. Furthermore, I refuse to be a Co-President with Ray Follosco.

While on the subject of intervening and inefficient advisors, our Assistant Coordinator of Student Affairs Mike Peterson is unqualified and inexperienced in the position he is assuming as a student advisor. Peterson seems to have a well rounded educational background, but he lacks in the specific field of student government.

These two advisors, Follosco and Peterson, further illustrate the continuing pattern of inefficient individuals serving within L.A. Valley College Student Affairs. It seems that both Follosco and Peterson are under the invalid assumption that their duty is to run student government RATHER THAN TO ADVISE!

By the time you read this letter, these matters will have already been presented to the Board of Trustees in the form of a resolution calling for the explicit description of the duties and authorities of advisors serving in this capacity.

As students we must unite to fight our common battle against those systems and individuals that would otherwise control, steer, and dictate students in a manner not conducive to their participation in student government.

Suheel Ghareib
ASB President

Bloodshed Unacceptable

"I READ THE NEWS TODAY OH BOY . . . . ."

The time has come when the people must take a stand and speak out against the appalling slayings that have plagued our society for nearly twenty years.

The tragic death of John Lennon is a prime example of the urgency and need to have gun control laws administered and enforced.

In the 1960's Lennon was a leading figure opposing the war in Vietnam. In his songs and actions he was an advocate of humanity and a hero for many peace searching individuals. The fact that Lennon's death occurred in such a peaceless manner is degrading and unacceptable.

We must not tolerate this bloodshedding "sport" in America any longer!! We must not LET IT BE — It may be a LONG AND WINDING ROAD to peace but we must walk it, preach it, live it!!

Roger Smith, ASB Chief Justice
Sherrie Doyon, ASB Executive Secretary

INTROSPECT

Skier Dreams On

By DAVID P. SCHAMUS
Staff Writer

The chill wind rushing down the High Sierra canyon cuts deep into your soul; particles of ice, picked up in the mountain gusts form an aggressive assault, urging your retreat from their unspoiled land.

For now there is no escape from the cold. You are at the mercy of the elements, 40 feet above the snow-covered terrain, suspended in a sparce, cold steel chair. The chair sways violently as a crosswind drives the cold deeper into your body.

The intense cold seems to drain you of your strength. You feel weak in the knees, and the weight of your boots and skis seem to pull you from your fragile perch. You begin to wonder if you will have the strength to make the fast descent back to the lodge.

Then, as you unload from the lift, a strange transformation begins to take place. You begin to feel warmer, intense strength is exuded from every pore and muscle in your body. You position yourself at the top of the run, it looks steep and well mogulled. you tell yourself, "It's only snow," as you begin your descent, picking up speed rapidly.

At the crest of the first mogul you turn, and follow with a series of quick, short turns as you develop the rhythm and pace required to execute the run with speed and grace. The sensation of being able to stop the perpetual onslaught of time, increases as gravity thrusts you faster down the powder covered slopes. Your ability as a skier, the terrain, and the type of snow being minimal deterrents to the feeling of timelessness. . .

But, as I stand here, my boots set firmly into the bindings of my skis, the moguls of my "high-low" carpeting are not nearly as challenging as those found on ski runs bearing names like "Stump Alley," "Rollercoaster," and "Lost in the Woods."

The vision of running barefoot through the snow to the jacuzzi with a bottle of wine and someone you love are replaced by a stack of bills sitting on the kitchen table. The smell of smog is a painful reminder that the opportunity to ski in Southern California is not omnipresent.

The only consolation to the "Living Room Carpet-Ski Run Blues" is the realization that the dreams will soon be a reality.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from its readers.

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Letters should be signed and, if applicable, should include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented in the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by 11 a.m. Monday for the following Thursday.

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Veteran Benefits Climbing

By JOHN FLYNN
Staff Writer

As inflation and prices soar out of sight, there's good news for veterans who attend school on the G.I. bill.

According to Jim Micko, head of the Veterans office, not only was there a 5 percent pay raise on educational benefits, but there will be another 5 percent raise in January.

Micko stated, however, that there has been a deadline recently in veterans attending Valley college.

"We've gone from 2,300 Vets four years ago to 715 at present," states Micko.

This is primarily because students have taken advantage of the G.I. benefits they earned during the Vietnam era which ended almost 10 years ago."(The school benefits last 10 years from date of release from active service.)

However small the enrollment these days, Micko boasted that during this year only 10 veterans had to be disqualified because they failed to comply with school qualifications. That leaves the percentage of vets graduating from Valley at 90 percent.

"I'm really proud of the veterans we have here at Valley. They're probably better students than most because of what they've been through and because of the financial situation here," Micko concluded.

Any Veteran who has any questions regarding his or her school benefits may contact the Veterans Office at 781-1200, Ext. 423.

Star Photo by MIKE BUSSING

HITTING HIGH POINT— Prof. Michael Gardner, at the President's Conference Room, gestures while telling peer counselors to be free enough to be themselves.

Psychology Professor Expounds on Attitudes

By MARTHA HUTCHINS
Staff Writer

Discussion of depression, guilt, and threatened suicides dominated the most recent peer counselor's session which was held in the president's conference room.

One of the most prominent axioms given was "internal love or self-love will allow shared love. It is difficult to change another person, but it is easy to change our attitude toward another," said guest speaker Michael Gardner, associate professor of psychology at Valley.

"You can't love others unless you love yourself," he continued.

"Grow and develop as a person," was another of his axioms.

"One who comes to the peer counselor saying life isn't fair should think about birds eating worms. It isn't fair to the worm," he pointed out.

When the feeling of unfairness involves relationships, Gardner said that events get blown out of proportion and the situation becomes sick.

"The person who comes to the peer counselor telling himself that life evolves around an earlier event, can't change the event," said Gardner. "Be the best person that is possible now, and there will be less guilt feelings."

Gardner illustrated his free spirit and darting speech with personal events. The account of his wife deciding between two suitors was one that got the group's attention.

"Decision-making is very difficult for many people. Often it is necesary to hurt a person so that he will have to debate with himself," said Gardner.

"One of the most exhilarating instructions to the peer counselors was to be yourself. Be free to express how you feel wherever you are, in a store, an elevator, or walking."

Death often is expressed by unhappiness over happiness, Gardner said. At a time of a lost relationship the one who is left may be sorrowing because he is lonesome and a moment later be happy because the suffering has ceased.

"Events of the past are not catastrophic. Grow for today. Finding new happiness," stated Gardner.

Problems Surround Budget; Future Funding Looks Grim

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allocation will not even offset the salary increases which have already been negotiated.

The question of where to make budget cuts has become a major concern to college administrators.

Dean of Administrative Services, Dr. Mary Lee, feels that if LAVC continues to accept enrollments at record high levels, it will be impossible to make cuts in the staff. William Spaeter, vice-chancellor of the district, confirmed this position, noting that the Board of Trustees has voted against sending "March 15" letters warning faculty members of the possibility of lay-offs. Spaeter noted that involuntary transfers and shuffling may be the alternative to lay-offs.

"In the past three years, the percentage of LAVC's budget for payroll has risen from 87 percent to 93 percent," said Lee. This increase and the effects of inflation have forced drastic reductions in equipment purchase and repairs, routine maintenance, custodial services, and security.

Eugene Pimentel, vice-chancellor, said that some facilities have degenerated to the point where they are no longer useful. Pimentel stressed the need to reduce electrical consumption in order to offset anticipated utility rate increases.

While the individual campuses have continued to make cut-backs, Blakeslee notes that since 1975, district office employees have grown at a "disproportionate rate," a 43 percent growth as compared to a 10 percent growth of personnel at the campuses. She feels that there is a duplication of administrative services performed at the campuses and the district office.

A board resolution has been proposed that would establish a commission to study the allocation of funds within the district, and make recommendations about the assignment of powers and functions performed by the campuses and the district offices.

An alternative proposal, which Blakeslee prefers, recommends that the board hold public hearings instead of appointing the commission. She feels that this would provide a more direct source of input to the trustees.

The bail-out legislation which has provided funding for community colleges in the post-Prop 13 era expires in June of 1981, leaving district administrators uncertain about future funding for community colleges.

Also affecting funding are weekly student contact hours (WSCH), the formula by which the state allocates funds to the district.

Lee noted that the increase of part-time students means that LAVC is serving more students without a proportionate increase in funds. Presently, less than 6,000 of Valley's more than 22,000 students attend the college on a full-time basis, according to Lee.

. . . Instructional Media Services

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be allocated to repair or replace the aging equipment.

Money in the materials budget pays for records, film strips, slides, films, pre-recorded video cassettes, rentals and purchases of motion pictures, and the three contracts IMS has, he said.

Fees for reprographics, blank audio-visual tape, blank film for instructors to make slides, overhead projector transparancy supplies, dittoes, rubber bands, paper clips, art materials for graphic artists, paper, pens, and paints come out of the supplies budget, stated May.

"Every year the cost goes up," he said. "This year things cost an average of 20 percent more than last year."

Each department was allotted $640 from the materials budget this fiscal year to rent films, said May, but due to a shortage of funds this allotment is unable to be fulfilled.

"We've committed 'X' number of dollars for films already ordered," he explained. "There is no more money to rent films this fiscal year."

"Next year it will be better," assured May. "We will have all the money to work with that we're supposed to have."

May sees the top functions of his office as providing instructors with media aid and equipment, and delivering these materials to the classrooms. His office transports more than 100 pieces of equipment each day between 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

"At other colleges the instructor must pick up the equipment and return it. Valley is the only college in the district that delivers audio-visual equipment to classrooms," said the professor. "That takes most of the staff's and student workers' time."

Since IMS cannot check every piece of equipment before it leaves the office and after it is returned, sometimes machinery which does not function properly is brought to the classrooms, he admitted.

"We try to do the best we can," he said. "I know I can't please everybody."

Upgrading and expanding the video equipment, meeting the service demands of the instructors, and recataloging the equipment collection by subject index for easier access are May's long-term future plans for his new position.

CORRECTION

The political ancestors of William Yankes, Commissioner of Scholastic Studies, were active in Scandinavian politics, not European. Yankes spent his formative years in Sweden and Germany, not Chile.

LACCD Trustee Richman Promotes Health Program

By ROSALEE VERES
Staff Writer

Preventive medicine should be practiced actively, stated Dr. Monroe F. Richman, member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. He told the members of the Senior Students Club that he promotes a complete health program for all citizens.

He went on to say the best exercise is walking three miles a day, within the time span of 45 minutes.

In response to a question about vitamins, Richman told the club. "If you eat a well-balanced meal, vitamins are not necessary. But many senior citizens live alone, and get lax with their cooking. If that's the case, then take vitamins."

But, he stated, avoid anything with iron. "Too much iron messes up your liver."

As for heart disease, the best way to prevent it is "get the right parents," he quipped. On a more serious note, "If there is a history of heart disease with either of your parents, be sure to tell your doctor so he can watch you for any signs."

According to Richman, excluding cancer, having a stroke is the worst disease a person could have. It is a very disabling disease.

The youngest man the doctor ever knew to have a stroke was a 7-year-old boy in 1957. This young man whom he treated went on to be a swimmer and served in the U.S. Army.

Discussing another issue, Richman is concerned about the status of senior citizens. In this day of inflaton, many of them are finding it hard to pay their doctor bills.

"Senior citizens who are on fixed incomes are getting burned the most as the price of everything rises," he said. "Convey to your doctor that you need help. Tell him you're on a limited income and ask him if he'll accept medicare as full payment."

Richman has a medical practice in Sun Valley. He stopped using the facilities at one hospital when he found out that hospital had no pension plan for its long-term employees.

What's Happening

BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE

This is the last day to donate to the Brotherhood Crusade, an agency formed for training Black Los Angeles ghetto-dwellers to become self-sufficient. Make checks or pledges to Billy Reed, counseling office.

DOUBLES POOL TOURNAMENT

Today is registration deadline for participating in the Fourth Annual Doubles Pool Tournament to be held in the Recreation Room, CC4, from Dec. 16-18. Call John Stark, director, Ext. 420, for information.

HILLEL DISCUSSION

"Can You Build a Jewish Home in an Integrated Society?" will be the topic today at 11 a.m. in H101. Students are invited to come and express their opinions.

FLEA MARKET

Sunday, Dec. 14, a flea market will be held in Campus Parking Lot D at Fulton and Oxnard Streets from 9 a.m.to 3 p.m. Valley College's Patrons Association and Senior Adult Program will sponsor the event. Proceeds from space rentals at the flea market will go to the Senior Adult Program. Two parking spaces may be reserved for $10 by calling Ida Berkowitz, Adult Advisory Committee president, in B49.

PACIFIC TELEPHONE RECRUITING

Those interested in working as telephone operators, repair dispatchers, and repair clerks can be interviewed today by a Pacific Telephone Co. representative in the Placement Office, CC 116.

PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Students are invited to the monthly continental breakfast and informal discussion with Dr. Alice Thurston, president of Valley College. Call Mrs. Williamson, Ext. 243, to attend the breakfast on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. in the President's Conference Room.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CC 200 an English Language Workshop is offered to students of all nationalities. For details, contact Rosa Duran, EOPS adviser, in the Administration Building, on Monday or Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Holiday Food Drive Begins

A drive to collect canned goods to distribute during the holidays to needy Valley College students and/or their families is being co-sponsored by the Expanded Opportunities and Program Services and the Associated Student Body, said Nick Cruz, chairman.

Donations may be brought to the Administration Building and left with Doris Richardson, counselor, he said.

Also, students who could benefit from this service may leave a message with Richardson, added Cruz.

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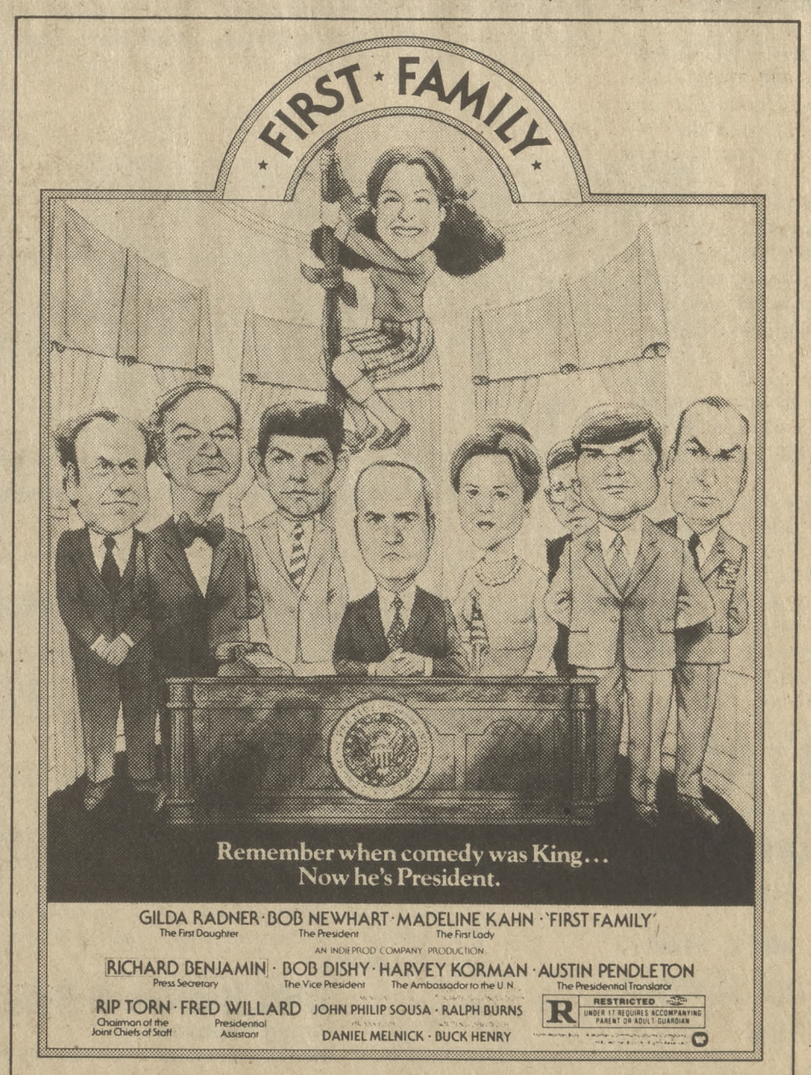
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Sports

Monarchs, Sophomore on Rebound

Cagers Play San Diego Tournament After Pierce Scores Overtime Victory

By JIM VERNOR
Sports Editor

It's amazing how quickly the tides of fortune can shift from good to bad in a basketball game, in a matter of 20 minutes of play.

Such is the case with Valley's basketball team, which built a 35-22 halftime lead against Pierce College last Friday in the Antelope Valley Tournament, only to see it evaporate as they lost, 84-83, in overtime.

The Monarchs, now 5-2 overall, will pack their bags for San Diego this week, as they participate in the Grossmont Tournament starting today and concluding Saturday. Valley will open with Southwestern College at 2 p.m.

"It was a tough way to lose," said head coach Jim Stephens. "We hope that we can look at the positive side and hope that it will help us to gain experience. I think we can play with anybody if we mature mentally and play with poise."

Things were going Valley's way in the first half, as the Monarchs built leads of 22-11 and 31-20 and cruised to a 35-22 advantage at intermission, with center James Fontenette scoring 14 points.

But Pierce came alive in the second half, making 8 of its first 12 shots and outscoring the Monarchs, 18-4, to grab a 40-39 lead with 14 minutes left in the game.

With six minutes remaining, Valley had a 61-54 margin after a basket by forward Matt Kaufler. A jumpshot by Mike Lopez upped the lead to 67-57 at the four-minute mark.

The Brahmas then cut the deficit to four points at 69-65 with two minutes left, on two free throws and a basket by Scott Ardavanis.

Two free throws by Lopez gave the Monarchs a 71-65 edge. Lopez made an incredible 15 of 16 free throws in the second half and 17 of 18 for the game.

John Richardson of Pierce converted two Valley turnovers into baskets and suddenly it was 73-71 with eight seconds left.

The ensuing inbounds pass was stolen by the Brahmas, and after a missed shot by Richardson, Jarrell Gaddis made a short jump-hook as the buzzer sounded and it was all tied at 73-73 after regulation.

Kaufler gave Valley a 79-77 lead in overtime, but Pierce regained the lead at 81-79 on a shot by Gaddis. Two more free throws and a jumper by Lopez kept the Monarchs even at 81-81 and 83-83.

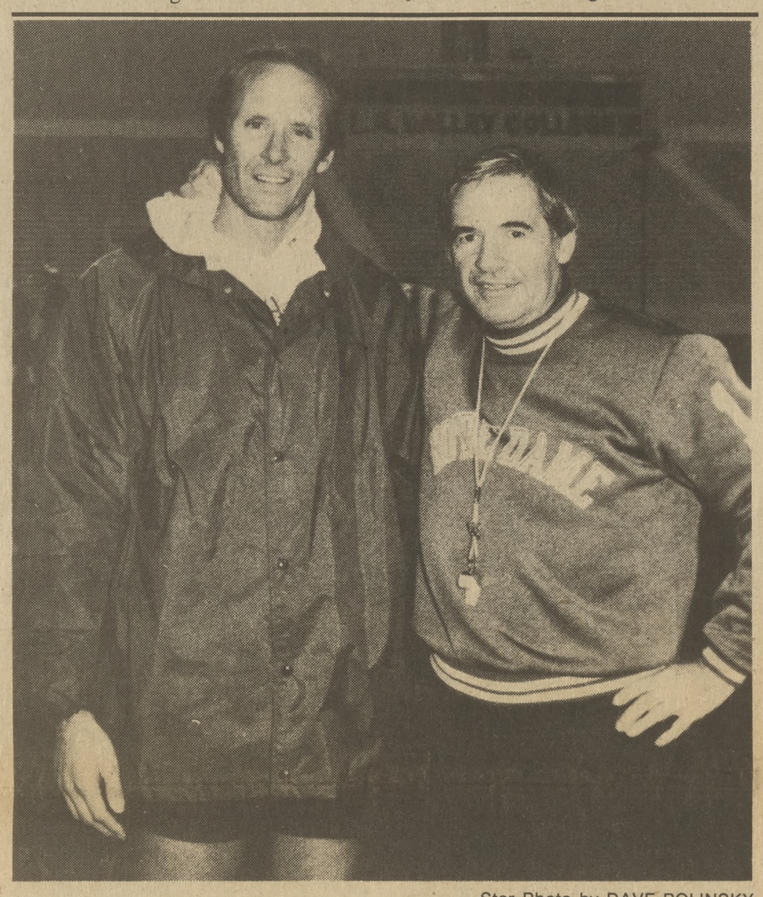
With 26 seconds left in overtime, Steve Johnson was intentionally fouled away from the ball and was forced to go to the free throw line. It was a good strategic move on the part of Pierce, because Johnson is a 33 percent free throw shooter.

Johnson missed the free throw, and Fontanette then fouled Richardson, who made one of two free throws for an 84-83 Pierce lead.

After calling a time-out the Monarchs worked the ball around but couldn't get off a good shot, as guard Alan Hayes' off balance attempt missed the rim. Pierce got the rebound and ran out the clock. Valley had an apparent win escape its grasp.

Pierce had four players in double figures, led by Ardavanis who scored 18 points, and Richardson and Steve Motte with 17 points apiece. Lopez had a game-high 31 points, shot 7 of 12 from the field, and had four assists.

In its first game, Valley defeated West Hills, 52-50, with Lopez scoring 19 points. Valley then lost to College of the Canyons, 54-50, as 6'10" Corey MacMullen scored 20 points for the Cougars.



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ND COMES TO VC — Notre Dame head football coach Dan Devine shares his wisdom with Monarch mentor Chuck Ferrero as the Fighting Irish practiced at Valley last Thursday.

Hoopster Unselfish, Practical

By JIM VERNOR
Sports Editor

Moses Malone of the Houston Rockets, take note. The Monarch Basketball team has its own "Chairman of the Boards."

He is Robby Roberts, a 6'7", 200-pound sophomore forward from Chatsworth High School. And he loves to get rebounds.

Roberts is the only sophomore on this year's team, which is dominated by freshmen. Last year, he made Honorable Mention in the Metropolitan Conference and led the league in rebounds, averaging 11 boards a game, while scoring 13 points per game.

This year, Roberts is aiming for bigger and better things, on and off the court. Through seven games, he is averaging 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"My goals this year are to lead the conference, and possibly the state, in rebounding again," said the bright, outgoing young man. "I'd like to improve on my defense; it's pretty weak right now. I hope to become a better, all-around player, if possible, so I can be a respected Division 1 prospect when the year ends."

Today, major universities are looking at Roberts for his skills. Schools such as San Jose State, University of New Mexico, University of Texas-San Antonio, and Baylor have all contacted him.

"Most of the letters that I have received have been from Division 1 schools," he said. "It appears that people think I have the capabilities to play major ball. Now all I want to do is live up to those intentions."

Interestingly enough, Roberts' occupational plans are to someday become a veterinarian.

"Hopefully, I would like to become a vet," he said. "As of right now, that is what I feel I want to take for my educational endeavors. I've always loved animals."

The sophomore considers his basketball career a steppingstone to his academic plans.

"To me, basketball is just a means to another end," he explained. "It's a way to pay for my education, a price which is getting higher and higher each year."

Roberts is second in scoring to Mike Lopez, who is averaging 20.7, and has grabbed a total of 93 rebounds. A totally team-oriented and unselfish player, he knows his role is to add to the betterment of the team.

"Rebounding seems to be the strength of my game," he said. "But I'm also a decent offensive rebounder. As far as being the second scorer on the team, I don't mind."

"Everybody has a defined role on this team. As long as those roles are defined, I don't really care if I score at all."

Roberts was born in Wurtzburgh, Germany. "I was born while my father was in the military. I was an army brat," he said jokingly.

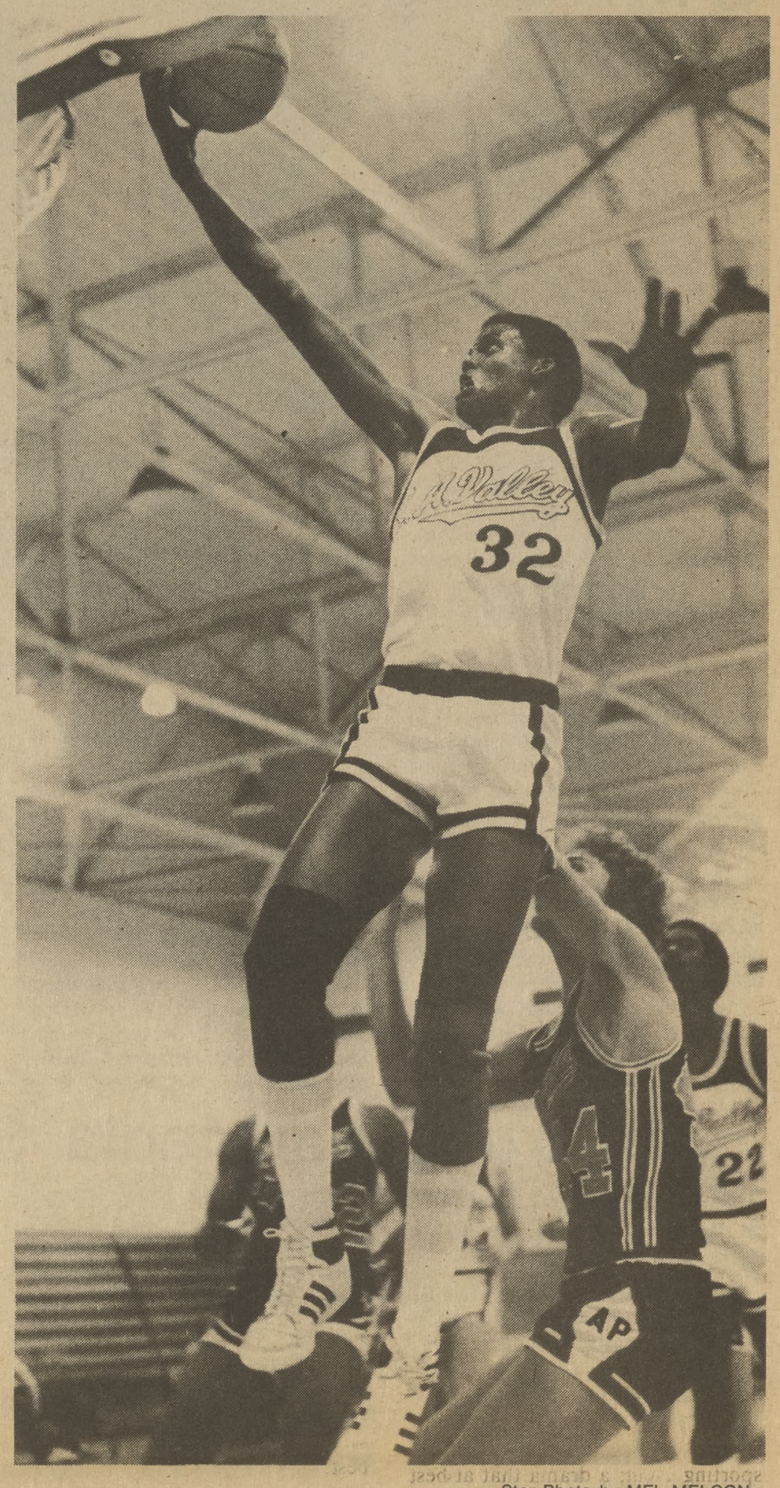
He attended Chatsworth High School, but was not All-West Valley. Bobby Castagna, now the assistant coach at Valley, was Roberts' high school coach.

"Bobby has a big influence in why I chose Valley; I respected him," Roberts recalled. "But I also felt Valley was the best school academically."

One thing Roberts really misses is the big turnouts at games.

"I'm unhappy with the fan support," he said. "It's hard to get up emotionally and you can't get hyper when there's no one to cheer you on."

Roberts may not be playing before large crowds now. But by the end of the year the small crowds may be comprised of major college scouts.



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SOARIN' MONARCH — Valley's Robby Roberts goes up for two points against Azusa Pacific earlier this season. Roberts is the team's leading rebounder.

VC Suffers Two Losses; Hockey Recruits Needed

By SHELLY SMILOVE
Assoc. Sports Editor

Wanted: Hockey Players.

An enthusiastic Valley Hockey Club lacks only one thing: manpower. A hockey team should have at least 14 players, yet Valley has been holding with 10, occasionally 12.

Valley's record of 2-3 is a losing record because the Valley players get tired in the third period, as would any other player who has been playing non-stop. The third period has been a big scoring period for the opposition.

In the past three games Valley has won only one match, against UC Irvine #2 with Dave Norton and Joe Nyradi sharing the eight winning goals evenly.

The last two matches have shown Valley on its bad side, outscored by CSULB, 6-3 and Pierce, 6-5.

"The Pierce game was difficult to lose. In the third period we came back, but ended up playing against the clock," sighed coach Ed Danae.

Pierce's third period proved fruitful as the Brahmas came back full of energy to score five of their six winning goals. Four of these goals were netted by Jeremy Brown, with assists from Perry Ludwig, Mike Lane, and Chris Stone.

Nyradi, the second leading scorer for Valley, reflected on the loss to Pierce.

"We played unorganized, and some of the guys just can't play together because of personal conflicts," he said. "There's a lot of individualism and hockey can't be played that way."

Nyradi and Norton have been Valley's scorers in the last three matches with the exception of one goal by Danny Champagne. Nyradi has shot five and Norton leads with 10.

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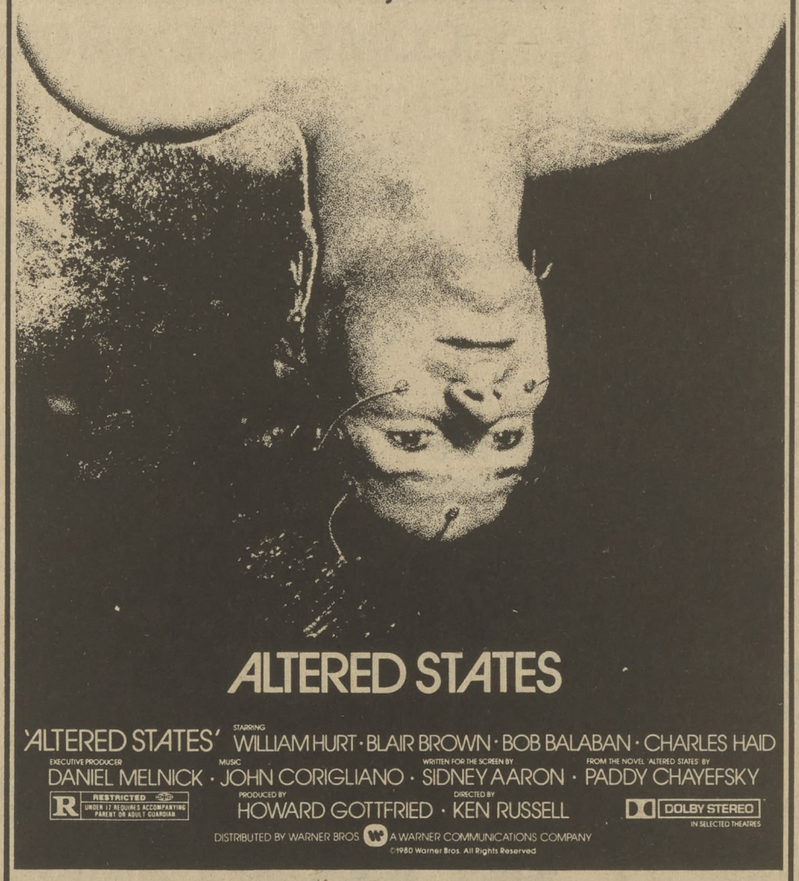

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Entertainment

Film Not Good Despite Budget

By BRIAN DURKIN
Staff Writer

Dino De Laurentiis strikes again!!

From the producer who brought you such big budget bombs as the remake of "King Kong," "Hurricane," and "Orca: Killer Whale," comes another, just to prove that more money doesn't make a better film.

The problem with "Flash Gordon" is they bought all the non-talent money can buy.

The script, based on the '30's comic book hero, is below that of comic book intelligence.

Sam J. Jones' performance as Flash brings new meaning to the word cardboard. Melody Anderson playing his goody-good girlfriend, Dale, makes all but the very undiscriminating viewer want to retch.

The one good performance in the film is Max Von Sydow as the evil Emperor Ming, but this alone doesn't warrant seeing the movie.

The plot really isn't suitable for anybody. It's about as complex as a two-piece jigsaw puzzle and slants on the sadistic. For instance, in one scene we see Flash and Prince Barin (Timothy Dalton) have a bloody whip battle, another time we see an enemy of Flash with his eyes popping out when he's gored on metal spikes, and in one scene we see the seductive Princess Aura (Ornella Muti) bound and whipped.

The film's budget was $30 million, but the special effects sure don't show it. They are on a par with those in the X-rated "Flesh Gordon" or a bad episode of TV's "Buck Rogers."

Just where the $30 million went, only the producers know for sure. Maybe about a million went to the rock group "Queen" which did the soundtrack, which incidentally seems to have been composed in a day.

The sets should have cost a lot, but look like "The Carol Burnett Show" left-overs, most consisting of cheap plastic and sparkles.

The costumes . . . well, Flash wears a T-shirt most of the time, and Prince Barin and his men wear Robin Hood hand-me-downs.

"Flash Gordon" is basically a live-action cartoon, with all the care and effort of a cheap Hannah-Barbera factory job.

Oh well. Chalk up another one for De Laurentiis!!

Star Photo by DAVE POLISNKY

DUELING GUITARS — Valley Students Jacqueline and Patricia Henry are not only biological twins, but twins of musical ability as well. The music majors are shown playing guitars in Monarch Hall.

VC Symphony Will Perform

By ELAINE HOCHBERG
Staff Writer

On Dec. 16 the Los Angeles Valley College Symphony Orchestra will present a concert in Monarch Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

The concert will feature works of three prominent composers and will be performed by 50 musicians.

"Dance of the Priestess" will be the first composition. It was written by Joe Wright and has a modern upbeat rhythm.

The second work will be "The Second Bassoon Concerto" by Mozart. It will be played by John Mitchell, an ex-Valley student.

Mitchell has worked professionally in the field of music for 15 years. He has appeared with such celebrities as Stan Kenton, The Captain and Tennille, Andy Williams, and Pearl Bailey.

He enjoys working with the LAVC orchestra because he thinks that the conductor, Ted Lynn, knows how to get the most out of everybody by giving them original and challenging work.

For its last selection, the orchestra will play the 9th symphony of Dvorak, called "From a New World." Dvorak wrote the symphony as a hymn to the folk spirit of Czechoslovakia and America.

One-third of the musicians in the orchestra are professionals. Another third are amateurs, and the remainder use the orchestra as a training ground. They rehearse every Tuesday night. Newcomers are always welcome to join.

Directed and conducted by Lynn, this concert is the second of five scheduled for this semester.

'Killing' To Open Tonight

Tonight is the opening performance of "The Killing of Sister George," the award winning black comedy written by British playwright Frank Marcus.

Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe Theater.

Admission charges are $2 General, $1 non-paid ID, Gold Card holders $1 on Fridays and Saturdays and free Thursdays, free admission for paid ID holders.

The play will run Dec. 11-13 and 18-20.

For further information and reservations call 781-1200, Ext. 318 or 319.

Director Scorsese Raises Sport of Boxing to Art

By DAVID BLUMENKRANTZ
Staff Writer

It is the character of the athlete which brings an official interest to sports. There are players you love to hate, and those you have to love. Whichever the case, it is this factor that sets the stage for the drama of a sporting event; a drama that at best can parallel the finest, most cleverly contrived works of art.

Director Martin Scorsese, in his latest film "Raging Bull," has managed to bring to the screen a movie that transcends the boundaries of sports. The autobiographical account of former middleweight boxing champion Jake La Motta is indeed a character portrait. The movie encapsulates La Motta's life from his early '20's, as an obviously devastating puncher with little control over himself and his life, to an overweight, middle-aged loser, trying to keep his name alive by performing in seedy nightclubs.

The role is a perfect vehicle for the talents of Robert De Niro, an accomplished actor who seems to excel at playing the part of an emotionally unstable, insecure man. De Niro's performance is powerful, believable, and often frightening.

De Niro's commitment to the role is uncompromising. Whipped into top shape for the young La Motta, he later gained 50 pounds to portray the retired fighter.

Jake La Motta (still alive today at 59) sees his past as one of turbulence, mostly brought on by his own self-destructiveness. When he saw the girl he wanted, a mysteriously sexy blonde (played capably by Cathy Moriarty), he abandoned his wife to attain his new prize. Once he and Vicky were married, the emptiness was still there, angering even more an already tortured soul.

La Motta is not one who can handle too many situations simultaneously. Suspicious of everyone, he eventually lets his ever-present paranoia get the best of him, accusing his wife of sleeping with everyone from the mob leaders who were trying to control his fight career, to his brother-manager Joey.

The part of Joey is played by Joe Pesci. The timing of the acting between Pesci and DeNiro is excellent, and the scenes of the two brothers bouncing their frustrations off of each other are perhaps the film's best.

Besides the relationships between characters the gist of the story is that La Motta wants a title shot, but somewhat naively believes he can get his bout without the aid of the big boys.

His brother is a shrewd manager, with friends on the inside. After several victories and a few years, La Motta wins the title.

Within months he lets himself fall apart and after a stint as a nightclub owner in Miami, is jailed for alleged sex offenses with a 14-year-old. His rage reaches a new peak in jail, and perhaps for the first time we see a troubled man asking himself the introspective question, "Why?"

Every man is born with certain capabilities and limitations, and Jake La Motta's resurgence was short-sighted and somewhat pathetic.

"Raging Bull" moves well, thanks to the brilliant direction of Scorsese. Filmed in black and white, the scenes are filled with sweeping camera shots, unusual angles, and ominous shadows. The fight scenes are far superior to those of the "Rocky" movies. La Motta's aggression is captured grotesquely in tight, graphic segments.

Jake La Motta was a man of pride. In the end he suffered a beating by Sugar Ray Robinson so severe that even the strongest of stomachs were squirming in their seats. Yet when the fight was stopped, a bloody De Niro went to the new champion's corner and tauntingly reminded him that "You never knocked me down."

In a movie that was emotional without being overly psychological, you are left to decide for yourself whether or not Jake La Motta was the type of man you would root for. He was definitely a raging bull, and his china shop was all the people that he hurt while out of control.

Recital

Mezzo-soprano Sally Etcheto, currently a voice instructor at USC as well as Cal State Dominguez Hills, will give a 45 minute recital today in M106 at 11 a.m.

All students are invited to attend and admission is free. This performance is a part of the Music Department's concert series.

Movie Marriage Goes 'Crazy' As Husband Experiences Crisis

By DAVID SCHAMUS
Staff Writer

"Middle Age Crazy," starring Ann-Margret and Bruce Dern as a well-off couple in Texas, provides us with an almost textbook study in "mid-life crisis" psychology.

The plot of this well-acted and directed movie can almost be summarized as follows: Successful, married family man turns 40 and tries to be "young" again by shucking responsibility, buying a Porsche and fancy clothes, and having a short-lived affair with a young, sexy cheerleader; only to find himself in need of his wife, family, and friends, and the security their love brings to him.

Several elements in this film work together to make it successful in spite of its predictable plot. Dern's portrayal for one, of a well-established businessman trying to turn back time in defiance of society's stigma of age, is superb. Dern shows himself to be diverse in his skill as an actor by breaking away from the typecast roles he has had in the recent past. Also, Ann-Margret, as his loving wife, is very convincing.

Full development of Dern's character is achieved partly by the interjection of his fantasties into relatively boring real life scenes. The transitions from fantasy to reality are so fluid and convincing, and their presentation so real, that you begin to develop an empathy and understanding for the man whose fantasies are much more interesting than his real life.

Ann-Margret as the wife is very dependent upon her husband. She needs him to satisfy her emotional, financial, and physical needs. She is loving and loyal to her husband until, out of rejection, she gets drunk and has a one night affair with another man while Dern is away. The film ends when the two take each other back lovingly, fully clothed, in a hot tub.

The characters and their reactions are often too typical and predictable, a fact which can be forgiven only because this movie asks us to evaluate our society's attitude toward age.

We are all too quick to label people as "old" merely as the result of a number, (40 is the magic number for Dern's character). In reality, old is merely an attitude. It is at whatever age people stop letting themselves have fun. What "Middle Age Crazy" shows us is that even people over 40 can enjoy their lives.

Fine Arts Callboard

"LUST FOR LIFE"

Today at noon and 7 p.m. in Monarch Hall the English Department offers Irving Stone's film "Lust for Life." Admission is free.

FROM FACULTY COLLECTIONS

Today through Dec. 18 from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. LAVC Art Gallery will display "From Faculty Collections." It will feature art works from 14 members of the art faculty. Admission is free.

VOYAGER FLIGHT

Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Planetarium the Los Angeles Community Services presents the second lecture of a four-part series on Voyager 1's flight to Saturn. Stephen Fentress will lecture. Admission $1; Children 75 cents; Gold Card holders, free. For additional information call 781-1200, Ext. 390.

"FABULOUS FABLE FACTORY"

Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater, LAVC Theater Arts Department will stage the "Fabulous Fable Factory." It will continue on Dec. 14, 20, and 21 and at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. For further information and reservations call 781-1200, Ext. 318, 319.

LAVC CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, at 3 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall the LAVC Music Department Concert Series will present LAVC Choir. Admission is free.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Tuesday, at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall the Music Department will feature LAVC Symphony Orchestra. Admission is free.

WILLY WONKA

Saturday, Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. and at 1 p.m. in Monarch Hall the Community Services Department will present the film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Admission is 50 cents. For reservations call 781-1200, Ext. 410.

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NEITHER MAN NOR BEAST — "Pet" monkey-puppet "James" is convincing as he is shown off by owner Lorenzo Williams (left). Demonstration took place in broadcasting class of Jim Eskilson (right).

Jews Face Struggle Inside Soviet Union

By GIOIA De BLASIO
Staff Writer

In the Soviet Union there is no such word as "emigration."

As part of Jewish Awareness Week last week at Valley College, student Rick Fishbein gave a presentation entitled "The On-Going Struggle of Soviet Jews."

Fishbein, who recently spent three weeks in the Soviet Union, has been actively working to help the Soviet Jewery.

"It was probably the longest three weeks of my life. There are microphones in the hotel rooms and practically every day in the major newspaper there is anti-Israel propaganda. Ironically, the name of the newspaper is 'Truth,' " Fishbein said.

In Moscow I wanted to go to the Synagogue. I eventually found it, but it wasn't easy since that street wasn't on the map.

With many slides and a great deal of sympathy, Fishbein explained the struggle of the Soviet Jew.

"In order for a Jew to leave for Israel, he must have immediate family living there.

Once the family sends an 'invitation', you must go to the Office of Visas and Registration (OVR) where problems are likely to happen."

"Once you've gone to the OVR, there's a very good chance that you'll lose your job. If this happens, you are considered 'a parasite who has committed a crime against the State,' and, in many cases, you end up in jail instead of Israel. No wonder there's no unemployment in the USSR," he said.

"It's so very different. Workers make four times as much as doctors, there are only three kinds of cars, and no Soviets are allowed in the hotels,"

Clubs

CREATIVE DANCE WORKSHOP

Members of the LAVC Dance Ensemble, are conducting a workshop for experienced and inexperienced students who are interested in dance, today at 11 a.m. in the Dance Studio of the Women's Gym. The workshop will include the use of several types of music and theatrical techniques, and the study of different types of dance.

HILLEL-AT-NITE

Hillel-At-Nite takes place every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Hillel House, 13162 Burbank Blvd., across from campus bungalows. Admission is free. Hillel welcomes anyone who is interested in good fellowship, games, music, interesting conversation, and in meeting new friends.

TV BROADCASTING CLUB

The LAVC TV Broadcasting Club and student members of the Academy of TV Arts and Sciences have scheduled a joint meeting on Friday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. in H 114.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m., the TV Broadcasting Club will meet in H 114 to discuss objectives and goals, select IOC representatives, nominate officers, and conduct general business. All interested students may attend.

ISRAELI DANCING WITH HAIN LIVNE

An evening of dancing and socialization takes place every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in the Field House on campus. Dance instruction begins at 7 p.m. and open dancing begins at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Hillel, admission is $1 per person or 50 cents with a Hillel activity card.

SENIOR STUDENTS CLUB

Prof. Douglas Stone, lecturer of Jewish Studies at Valley, will speak on "A Historian's Visit to Israel," Thursday, Dec. 18. For more information contact William Carter, Senior Adult Program, Ext. 399, B49.

NAACP

NAACP Youth and College Division will hold the Southern California area nominations for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer up until Dec. 15, 1980.

For NAACP campus chapter applications, see Willie Bellamy in CC 102.

Those interested in making a nomination or for further information, contact Aldra Henry, area president, at 742-2200 or 751-4700.

Solowitz: Just A Regular Guy

By JOSH GROSSBERG
Managing Editor

If you're looking for the typical Valley College student, Sandy Solowitz might do.

He drives a Porsche, lives in a high-rise apartment with a Swedish girlfriend, has a 4.0 grade point average, and has traveled around the world. Yet, somehow he manages to give the impression of being anything but a snob, just a regular joe.

Solowitz, ASB commissioner of elections, says that this, his first foray into student politics has changed a lot of his preconceptions about the kind of people who are involved in student government.

"I always thought people in government were different," said Solowitz. "I thought they were an elite, but they're just regular people. So I deciced to run.

"By the way," he interjected, "did I tell you that I have a 4.0 average for the last three semesters?"

Assured that information was recorded he went on to claim that he's "somewhere around 25" and returned to Valley after spending four-and-a-half years in Israel.

"After high school I came to Valley and dropped out several times," said Solowitz. "Then I went to Israel and I realized what a hard time these people had getting in to universities, so I decided to take advantage of the situation we have here."

In Israel, Solowitz starred in a television show for one year.

"I'm glad about what I did as far as not going directly to college. Kids should take two years off and find out what's going on."

"You know," he continued, "I've been to so many dean's teas, the dean is getting tired of me."

One might be led to believe that Solowitz is a hard man to get a straight answer from. Actually, he seems eager to clarify matters, if only to put his stamp on them, not to mention bending, folding or mutilating them.

"When I was 19, a girl I was going with was going to teach me to be a gigolo and introduce me to old ladies in Beverly Hills. But I already had the car I wanted anyway, and I got scared," said Solowitz, expounding upon his sense of humor.

Yet, he takes his responsibilities very seriously.

As comissioner of elections, Solowitz was responsible for the general government elections as well as those for homecoming.

"For the first time we separated the homecoming elections from the generals, and opened them up to the whole student body, not just those with paid ID's," said Solowitz. "This is a precedent. We will try to do this for the general elections, but that will take a constitutional revision."

"In ASB we say we represent the entire student body," he continued. "I feel that the entire student body should vote us in, not just those with paid ID's."

Solowitz added, however, that the district has promised to null any constitutional which allows for mass elections, a sore point with him.

"People don't buy ID cards and say 'Oh boy, now I get to vote', they do it so they can use the parking lots," he said.

For his future plans Solowitz hopes to go into research psychology.

"I was a computer science major, which is challenging in school, but not on the job," said Solowitz. "Psychological research is exciting because there are so many questions that are unanswered. By the way, did I tell you that I got straight A's the last three semesters?"

Aside from government, Solowitz is also actively involved in the forensics team.

"At a forensics competition last month, out of 10 categories with 42 schools competing I came in first in two categories," said Solowitz. However, "we bombed in our Northridge competition, so we won't talk about that."

What Solowitz would talk about was lunch.

"Are we through? You got the part about the straight A's right? OK, I'll take you to McDonalds if you promise not to embarrass me."

Star Photo by CINDY MARTINEZ

ALL-AMERICAN BOY — During his experience as ASB commissioner of elections, Sandy Solowitz has discovered that student government members are "just regular people" like himself.

Wilson Speaks Out On New President

By BARBARA FAULKNER
Staff Writer

Raymond O. Wilson, assistant professor of broadcasting, is considered by many to be an expert on Ronald Reagan.

Wilson started his broadcasting career in 1949, and, as a news commentator, covered Reagan's progress, before, during, and after his victorious gubernatorial race in 1966. Wilson did mostly "Anti-Reagan commentaries."

"My political position was opposite Ronald Reagan," said Wilson recently. "I want you to understand I am a partial source . . . I am not particularly fond of the man."

Wilson described Reagan as having a "siege mentality." He related an incident where an electrical cord taped to the ground for an appearance by Reagan had been broken.

"Gov. Reagan indicated there was a conspiracy and that people were out to get him," recalled Wilson.

He feels that charges made during the Presidential campaign stating that Reagan would be a "War President" were "cheap shots."

"One of his favorite roles is leading the charge . . . if he sticks to horses, we'll be okay," Wilson joked.

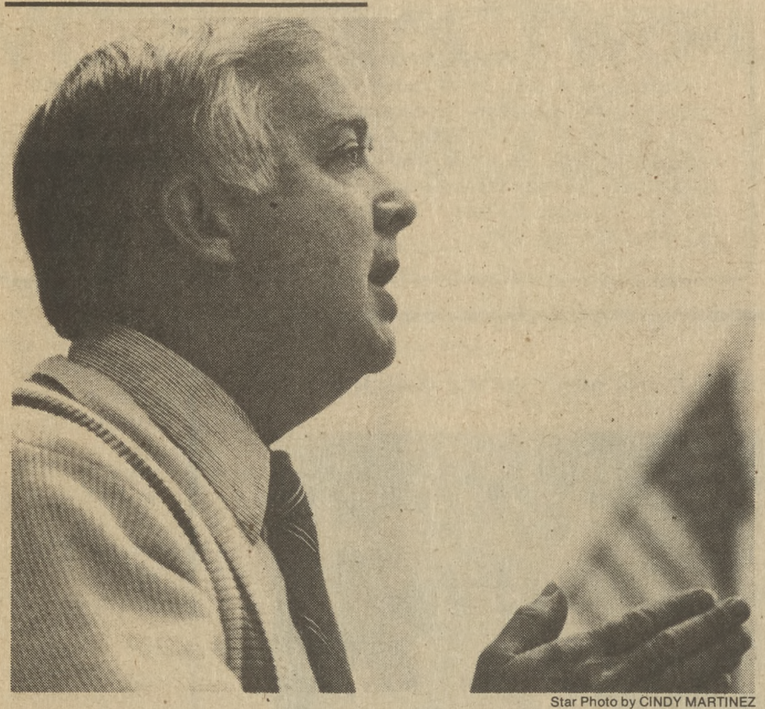
"Ronald Reagan was in the right place at the right time in taking over as Governor of California," said Wilson. "The state expanded in many things that worked to his benefit which he didn't have much to do with."

An example was Reagan's claim in the Presidential campaign that he saved California by leveling off the welfare upswing. Wilson feels that nation-wide concern for the population explosion, resulting in a drop in births from 375,000 in 1964 to 295,000 in 1973 (when Reagan left office) caused the decrease in the number of children on welfare rolls. However, Reagan accepts credit for a major saving of funds due to his welfare reform bill which passed in 1971.

Wilson, adviser to KVCM, LAVC campus radio station, credited Reagan with the statement, "Taxes should hurt." Since Reagan failed to pay any income taxes on his $46,000 salary while in office due to tax shelters, Wilson said "Reagan should have amended the statement to 'Taxes should hurt others.' "

Wilson, thinks Reagan will probably make the best use of the media since Kennedy. "He gets sympathy," said the professor.

Wilson, a commentator during the entire Vietnam War, labeled Jimmy Carter "a rotten President" and said, "We survived Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, and I think we can survive Ronald Reagan."



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AMERICA SURVIVE REAGAN? — Although Raymond Wilson, assistant professor of broadcasting, disagrees with Ronald Reagan's political views, he believes we can survive one more lousy president.

Watch TV At School Via Cable

A satellite ground station will be located on the campus until Dec. 19 for the purpose of receiving educational programs transmitted via Satcom satellite from California cable TV broadcasters.

Programming will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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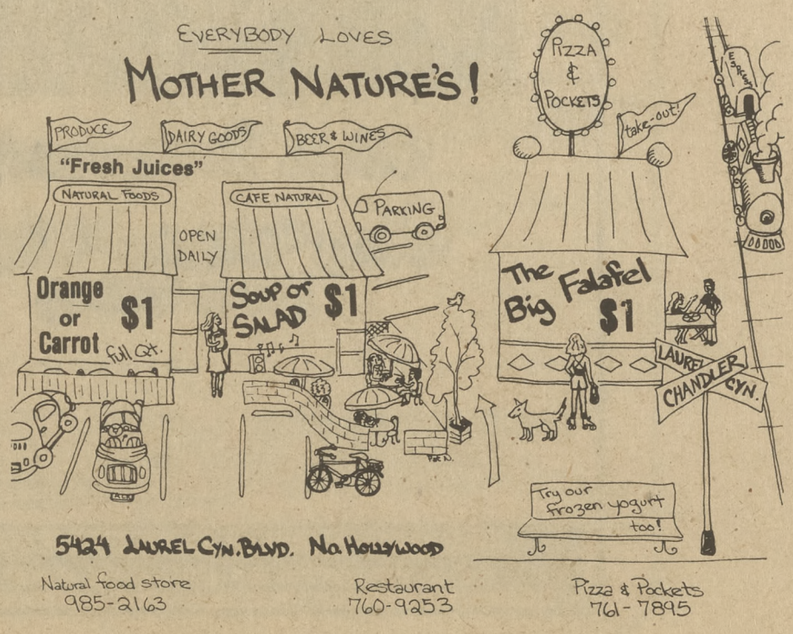

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